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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 8296

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GR, TU

SUBJECT: MOD COMMENT ON INCIDENT BETWEEN GREEK PATROL BOAT  
AND TURKISH BOAT

REF: ANKARA 6651

1. MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) SOURCE HAS DENIED WIRE  
SERVICE REPORTS, INCLUDING ONE CARRIED BY THE TURKISH  
ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY, THAT A GREEK WARSHIP FIRED ON AND  
HIT A TURKISH TUGBOAT WEST OF MYTILENE IN TURKISH  
TERRITORIAL WATERS. THESE REPORTS AND THE GOG DENIAL WERE  
CARRIED BY ALL THE MEDIA TODAY (SEPTEMBER 8).

2. ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY  
BULLETIN, THE MOD SOURCE SAID ON SEPTEMBER 7 THAT A PATROL  
BOAT OF THE HARBOR CORPS (WHICH COMES UNDER THE MINISTRY OF  
MERCHANT MARINE) DISCOVERED A TURKISH FISHING BOAT OPERATING  
IN GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS OFF CAPE KORAKAS, MYTILENE. THE  
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FISHING BOAT REPORTEDLY IGNORED ORDER TO LEAVE THE AREA  
UNTIL THE PATROL BOAT FIRED FOUR WARNING SHOTS, WHICH, THE  
SOURCE SAID, DID NOT HIT THE FISHING BOAT. THE  
TURKISH BOAT REPORTEDLY THEN LEFT GREEK WATERS WITHOUT  
FURTHER INCIDENT.

3. COMMENT: A HELLENIC NAVY SOURCE, POINTING OUT THAT THE

HARBOR CORPS, NOT THE NAVY, HAD BEEN INVOLVED, CONFIRMED  
TO THE DATT ON SEPTEMBER 8 THAT THE INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED  
AND SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED BUT, HE SAID, THE TURKISH BOAT HAD NOT  
BEEN HIT.  
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